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The R. O. C. MESSENGER

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REPUBLICAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG, Campaign Manager

Bismarck, N. D., October 19, 1944

This, the first edition of "The ROC Messenger," is issued for the purpose of bringing up-to-date information to the many men and women who have given their support to this organization as a service toward the return of good government for North Dakota.

At the legal convention of the Republican party held in May, 1944, a resolution to support the Republican nominees at the primary election was passed unanimously. This convention was composed of approximately two-thirds Nonpartisan delegates and the balance of Regular Republicans.

This convention, as you recall, was composed of delegates selected by the precinct committeemen in every county in North Dakota.

We, at the Republican headquarters, following the mandate of the convention, are sponsoring the election of all the Republicans nominated at the primary election. We feel sure that our campaign, conducted in this manner, will meet with the approval of all the precinct committeemen of North Dakota and invite your help and any suggestions that you may have to offer at any time.

The first step is the election of the Republican candidates nominated in the June Primary Election. The next step will be to prepare for the elections two years hence, when we elect not only state and national officers but also the important precinct committeemen.

The success of this undertaking will depend upon the interest, enthusiasm and hard work put in by you citizens in your home and neighboring precincts. A campaign is never won at headquarters. It is won or lost by the degree of interest shown by citizens in their home fields. We are confidently counting on you to put forth your best licks in behalf of one of the best tickets ever put before the voters of North Dakota.

LITCHVILLE CITIZENS TESTIFY

Were you one of the fortunate ones to hear the four neighbors of Fred Aandahl who presented in his behalf a homespun program over all radio stations of the state on October 11th? It will go a long way toward dispelling some of the unscrupulous whispering rumors of the opposition campaign. Here are a few

brief quotations from these neighbors:

Chris Haarsager, classmate of Aandahl in school, now banker at Litchville:

"Fred was a hard worker, and unlike most of us kids, he had pretty definite ideas about what he wanted to do in later life. He proved this at the end of his third year in our school by announcing that he would not graduate with us, but intended to go on to the University at Grand Forks to take a law course. As he needed only two more credits to finish high school, he could take that work in connection with his freshman year at the U. Right there, Fred showed a trait that has become characteristic of him. It wasn't that the rest of us had flunked in any subjects that put him ahead; rather, he had been doing a lot of work on the side and accumulated these extra credits, so he was actually a year ahead of us.

"Farming wasn't exactly profitable in those days, so in order to keep things going, he taught school in his home township. About the time he went into that, his father died, so Fred had on his hands the jobs of superintendent of a consolidated school, and the management and a good share of the actual labor of running his farm. His success at both jobs indicates how he can get things done, and his ability at getting along with people who work with and for him. One of the best proofs of this is the fact that the transient harvest and threshing hands who come in here every fall always try to get back to Fred's farm, and the result has been that he has never been very short of help. They wouldn't come back if they were not treated right.

"The nature of my work, that of a small town banker, is such that we get to really know our people—probably better than anyone else in the community. Aside from the credit standing of the people of our territory, we get to know a lot about the various activities going on, who starts them, and who conducts and finishes them, and it has been our experience that Fred Aandahl is one of the men most called on when things have to be done. Leaving all personal feelings aside, the thing we like about doing business with Fred is the way he handles his credit and conducts his business, and they tell me that that is high praise, coming from a banker. As a member of an organization,

he does his share and more, and we know he will do that in the governor's chair.

"One of the most thankless jobs in any community is that of the treasurer of the church, and I know from personal experience that the life and labor of such an official would be a lot more pleasant and easy if we had more members like Fred Aandahl and his family, who have been regular and consistent contributors, both in money and effort, in the local congregation in which they are members."

Joseph Blake, farmer, former pupil of Fred Aandahl:

"We were born in the same township, some years apart it is true, and attended the same school, he as principal, I as pupil. Thus that pleasing feeling of good will for Fred Aandahl, handed down to me, by my parents, developed into friendship in our own right, on my part augmented by deep respect for his integrity, his sincerity and his sense of fair play. In a story without words but replete with his deeds, he taught us youngsters the worth of such things in the school room and in the field of sports. He was principal of our school for two years and during that time we learned a lot of good things from Fred Aandahl not found in text books.

"As long as I can remember, Fred Aandahl has been connected with the family farm, all but a few years actively, in my home township. It has been impressed upon me a multitude of times that we have looked to Fred for leadership in local undertakings just as a matter of course. He has never let us down. He has always taken hold of his heavier end of a job with a good natured smile and words of encouragement to those of us who have carried along with him. We of this community, who knew Fred Aandahl best, know that he will make a splendid governor of North Dakota and unreservedly recommend him to the voters of the state."

Mrs. J. W. Haarsager, active church and Sunday school worker and former teacher in Litchville public schools:

"I would like to say a few words for the candidacy of the husband of my friend, Mrs. Fred G. Aandahl. Nearly twenty years ago, I watched the budding of a romance that brought about the marriage of Fred G. Aandahl and Luella Brekke. I watched as they brought their baby daughters, one by one, to the baptismal font. I watched as they brought their daughters to Sunday school, bringing them seven miles in good weather and bad. I have looked on after Sunday school when daddy joined his little family and all five sat in church, worshipping together. I looked on when mother was ill and daddy brought his three daughters to church and Sunday school. I have had the daughters in my Sunday school class, always with lessons prepared far above the average pupil. Now two of these daughters are confirmed and the pastor has spoken of their deep understanding of the word of God and the teachings of the church. These two are

in active Luther League, Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation and choir work. This year Louise began her first year at the State University. One of the first concerns of the parents was a church home for their eldest daughter. I have been in their farm home attending Luther League socials and Circle meetings of the Ladies Aid, and this past year Mrs. Aandahl has been chairman of our circle. She has been such a gracious chairman and willing worker that one of the members said she "knew we had the best circle in the Aid." I have had Louise as a senior, and Margaret as a freshman in my day-school classes. The well-prepared lesson, their fine spirit of co-operation in all school activities has given to their teachers a glimpse into their home life. Knowing what a fine husband and father Fred G. Aandahl is, knowing that he will take care of the affairs of this state as he has taken care of his home and family, I deem it an honor and privilege to vote for him as the next governor of North Dakota."

T. I. Strinden, implement and hardware merchant:

"I wish it could be possible for every voter in our state to know Fred Aandahl the way I know him. Since this is not possible I am very happy to have this opportunity to tell the voters of the state what I know about him. I have known Fred ever since he was a boy. His father, the late Sam Aandahl, at one time House member from this legislative district, served as Railroad Commissioner for a number of years during which time Fred and a younger brother stayed on the farm with their mother. He attended the country school and after completing the grades Fred drove to town, a distance of seven and a half miles, with horse and open buggy and received his high school education in Litchville. Picture in your mind, if you please, this young man driving this distance every school day with an old horse and open buggy in order to acquire an education. Fred Aandahl knows the problems of the farm boy and girl. After finishing high school Fred attended the University of North Dakota, completing that institution of higher learning with a B. A. degree and a major in law. He served as superintendent of the consolidated school in his home district for two years, following which he was superintendent of the Litchville school for three years. He resigned his position here to take over the active operation of the home farm which he had managed since his father's death.

"All Fred Aandahl's financial interests are in his farm operations. He has no other source of income. As we all know farming is the back-bone of North Dakota and I am sure that farm interests will not be made to suffer under the leadership of Fred Aandahl, and if farming is prosperous we know that all other business will profit along with it. Fred has had experiences that have taught him how to do things for the people of the community and for the people of the state. He has been a member of both the state and county AAA committees. He is a director of the North Dakota Winter Show at Valley City. He has been a member of the Svea School Board for 15 years

and was a member of the North Dakota Senate for six years. I served on the school board while Fred Aandahl was superintendent in Litchville, we attend the same church and I have transacted business with him throughout all the years. In that time I have learned to know him well and have always found him to be fair and honest in all of his dealings. That such is the understanding among his neighbors and friends is given testimony by the fact that in the June Primary Election his home township gave him 80 out of the 89 votes and his home county of Barnes gave him a 4 to 1 vote."

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

Campaign headquarters are located at Bismarck, with Senator Milton Young of LaMoure county as campaign manager, and Mrs. Ruth Smith as secretary-treasurer. Write or call headquarters for any campaign material or assistance you may need. Call on us when in Bismarck. We are here to help.

COUNTY HEADQUARTERS

Already citizens of several counties have set up their own local headquarters. If possible, see that one is established in your county. If this is not possible, write us anyway for material for use in your locality. Practically every county has a campaign committee. See that your county is covered with placards. See that guide cards are distributed before election.

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Pearl Porter of LaMoure has joined our staff in charge of work among women. Mrs. Porter is now visiting some of the larger communities of the state, but the time is short, and for the most part she will be located in Bismarck. Since it will be impossible for her to cover the state personally, she will need the fullest cooperation of women locally to carry on the work.

BROADCASTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24—KFYR-WDAY, 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M.W.T.), Mrs. A. G. Porter.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25—Every N. D. station 9:15-9:30 P. M. (M.W.T.), except KFYR 9:30-9:45 P. M. (M. W. T.), Otto Krueger and C. P. Dahl.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26—KFYR-WDAY, 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M.W.T.), Aandahl Neighbors.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28—KVOX, 10:15-10:30 P. M. (C.W.T.)

MONDAY, OCT. 30—KFYR, 8:00-8:15 P. M. (M.W.T.).

TUESDAY, OCT. 31—KFYR-WDAY 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M. W.T.), C. P. Dahl.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1—Every N. D. radio station 9:15-9:30 P. M. (M.W.T.), except KFYR 9:30-9:45 P. M. (M.W.T.) Fred G. Aandahl.

KVOX, 9:30-9:45 P. M. (CWT), William Lemke.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2—KFYR-WDAY, 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M.W.T.), Nels Johnson.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3—KFYR-WDAY, 8:45-9:00 P. M. (M.W.T.) A. R. Bergesen.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4—KFYR-WDAY, 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M. W.T.), Open.

KGCU, KDLR, KLPM, KSJB, KOVC, KVOX, 10:45-11:00 A. M. (M.W.T.), Mrs. A. G. Porter.

KVOX, 10:15-10:30 P. M. (C.W.T.), Wm. Lemke.

MONDAY, NOV. 6—KFYR-WDAY, 10:30-10:45 A. M. (M. W.T.), Fred Aandahl.

KGCU, KDLR, KLPM, KSJB, KOVC, KVOX, 10:45-11:00 A. M. (MWT), Mr. Aandahl.

All stations, 10:00-10:30 A. M. (MWT).

KFYR, 4:30-4:45 P. M. (M.W.T.), Wm. Lemke.

WDAY, 5:30-5:45 P. M. (C.W.T.), Wm. Lemke.

KVOX, 11:45-12:00 P. M. (C.W.T.), Wm. Lemke.

ROUSING MEETINGS

Our candidates are busy these days touring the state in teams. Senator Nye and Fred Aandahl, constitute one team, and Congressman Lemke and Nels Johnson are the other. C. P. Dahl, Otto Krueger and other candidates join them at various points.

It has been said that farmers are too busy now to attend political meetings. Yet our candidates are talking to large and enthusiastic crowds. At Bottineau, for instance, where the Nye-Aandahl team spoke, the crowd overflowed the court house. The same was true at Napoleon and other places.

VOLUNTEER AT HEADQUARTERS

Mr. A. R. Bergesen of Fargo has joined us at headquarters, volunteering his services during the remainder of this election campaign.

MORE VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDS NEEDED

We are gratified with the surging tide of volunteers workers all over the state. If you have not done so, won't you let us know how you can help the cause in your community? Also—interest others in the work.

We are gratified too, over the amount of contributions that have been coming in to help carry on this campaign. Several counties have oversubscribed their quotas. But we have heavy expenses ahead if we are to print and distribute an adequate amount of campaign literature, and if we are to retain and pay for radio time already reserved for us. We hope we will not have to cancel any of it. The truth must be brought home to the people. Contributions are greatly needed and will be gratefully acknowledged.

